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SUBJECT: "RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS A BARRIER TO JAPAN-CHINA
TREATY" -- FONMIN

REF: A. TOKYO 10483, B. TOKYO 10553, C. TOKYO 10624

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING RECENT STATEMENTS REBUFFING CHINESE
SUPPORT ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUES AND CONCERNING
US-PRC NORMALIZATION, FONMIN MIYAZAWA TOLD DIETMEN JULY 13
THAT DIFFERENCES IN CHINESE AND JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD
THE SOVIET UNION, NOT JUST FORMULATION OF AN ANTI-HEGEMONY
CLAUSE, IS MAJOR OBSTACLE TO CONCLUSION OF A TREATY
WITH PEKING. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
INTERPELLATIONS JULY 13, FONMIN MIYAZAWA ISSUED WHAT
IS SEEN HERE AS HIS THIRD TOUGH STATEMENT ON THE
PRC IN LESS THAN A WEEK. MIYAZAWA TOLD THE DIETMEN THAT THE
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OBSTACLE TO PEACE FRIENDSHIP TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH

PEKING LIES IN DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION RATHER THAN IN THE PROBLEM OF THE EXPRESSION TO BE USED ON HEGEMONY. MIYAZAWA SAID THE CHINESE RECENTLY CRITICIZED JAPAN FOR ITS SANGUINE VIEW OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH OF COURSE, DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE CHINESE VIEW. BUT, MIYAZAWA EXPLAINED, THE "PEACE CONSTITUTION" OF JAPAN REQUIRES MAINTENANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS.

2. MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENT ON THE TREATY FOLLOWS HIS REBUFF TO PEKING JULY 9 FOR ZEALOUSLY SUPPORTING JAPANESE CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORIAL ISLANDS (REF A) AND HIS REMARKS TO PRESS REGARDING HIS TALKS WITH SENATOR MANSFIELD IN WHICH HE URGED THE US TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH PEKING (REFS B AND C).

3. CHINA DIVDIR FUJITA COMMENTED TO US JULY 14 THAT ALTHOUGH EVERY ACTION BY THE FONMIN IS CAREFULLY CALCULATED, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AMPLE REASON RECENTLY FOR THE FONMIN TO HAVE BEEN IRRITATED BY THE CHINESE. AFTER WAITING MONTHS FOR CLEAR REACTION TO FONMIN'S "FOUR POINTS", FUJITA RECALLED THAT IN MEETINGS WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS BETWEEN THE FONMIN AND PRC AMB CHEN AND AT SLIGHTLY LOWER LEVELS THE CHINESE HAVE NOT ONLY TIRESEMELY REPEATED THEIR "PRINCIPLED" STAND ON THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY, THEY HAVE DONE SO IN A HIGHLY ANNOYING FASHION. PIQUE ASIDE, FUJITA SEES MIYAZAWA'S RECENT STATEMENTS AS A HARDENING OF THE FONMIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CHINESE.
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